

FILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

EV584615841US

Express Mail Label Number

May 11, 2005

Date of Deposit

Form PTO-1390-MOD (REV 10-96)	U. S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PC/4-32771A
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. EP03/12851	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 November 2003 (17.11.03)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 18 November 2002 (18.11.02)
TITLE OF INVENTION IMIDAZO[1, 5-a] PYRIDINE DERIVATIVES AND METHODS FOR TREATING ALDOSTERONE MEDIATED DISEASES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US FARIBORZ FIROODZNIA		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (See Form PCT/I/B/308)
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a.  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (original or copy) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included.**

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
 A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14.  An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15.  A substitute specification.
16.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18.  A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19.  A second copy of the English language translation of the International application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20.  Other items or information: unsigned declaration

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER																																																																																																																																														
<b>10/534631</b>	<b>EP03/12851</b>	<b>PC/4-32771A</b>																																																																																																																																														
<p>The following fees are submitted:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21.</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.</td> <td>Examination Fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> If International preliminary examination report was prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23.</td> <td>Search fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> If Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If International Search Report was prepared and provided to the Office...</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p>Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Sheets</th> <th>Extra sheets</th> <th>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>35 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>X \$ 250 \$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p>Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath of declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>18</td> <td>- 20 =</td> <td>X \$ 50 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1</td> <td>- 3 =</td> <td>X \$ 200 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>+ \$ 360 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p>Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>SUBTOTAL =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p>Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p>Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: none;"> <table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Amount to be: refunded</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>charged</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>a. <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td colspan="4">A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td colspan="4">Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$900 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td colspan="4">The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"> <p>Send all correspondence to the address associated with Customer No. 001095, which is currently:</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <p>Novartis Corporate Intellectual Property One Health Plaza, Building 104 East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080</p> </td> <td colspan="3">             Paivi Kukkola            Agent for Applicant            Reg. No. 50,499            (862) 778-7875         </td> </tr> </tbody></table>					<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....	\$300	22.	Examination Fee			<input type="checkbox"/> If International preliminary examination report was prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....	\$200	23.	Search fee			<input type="checkbox"/> If Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....	\$		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If International Search Report was prepared and provided to the Office...	\$400		<input type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....	\$	<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =</b>		<b>\$ 900</b>	<p>Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Sheets</th> <th>Extra sheets</th> <th>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>35 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>X \$ 250 \$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	35 - 100 =	/50 =	0	X \$ 250 \$	<p>Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath of declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>18</td> <td>- 20 =</td> <td>X \$ 50 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1</td> <td>- 3 =</td> <td>X \$ 200 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>+ \$ 360 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Total claims	18	- 20 =	X \$ 50 \$	Independent claims	1	- 3 =	X \$ 200 \$	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360 \$			<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<p>Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>SUBTOTAL =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<p>Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table>						+	\$	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<p>Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table>						+	\$	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>				<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Amount to be: refunded</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>charged</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </table>	Amount to be: refunded	\$	charged	\$	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.				b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$900 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.				c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.				<p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p>					<p>Send all correspondence to the address associated with Customer No. 001095, which is currently:</p>					<p>Novartis Corporate Intellectual Property One Health Plaza, Building 104 East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080</p>		 Paivi Kukkola Agent for Applicant Reg. No. 50,499 (862) 778-7875		
		<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>																																																																																																																																														
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....	\$300																																																																																																																																														
22.	Examination Fee																																																																																																																																															
	<input type="checkbox"/> If International preliminary examination report was prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$																																																																																																																																														
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....	\$200																																																																																																																																														
23.	Search fee																																																																																																																																															
	<input type="checkbox"/> If Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....	\$																																																																																																																																														
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If International Search Report was prepared and provided to the Office...	\$400																																																																																																																																														
	<input type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....	\$																																																																																																																																														
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =</b>		<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																														
<p>Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Sheets</th> <th>Extra sheets</th> <th>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>35 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>X \$ 250 \$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	35 - 100 =	/50 =	0	X \$ 250 \$																																																																																																																																						
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE																																																																																																																																													
35 - 100 =	/50 =	0	X \$ 250 \$																																																																																																																																													
<p>Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath of declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>18</td> <td>- 20 =</td> <td>X \$ 50 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1</td> <td>- 3 =</td> <td>X \$ 200 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>+ \$ 360 \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Total claims	18	- 20 =	X \$ 50 \$	Independent claims	1	- 3 =	X \$ 200 \$	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360 \$			<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																										
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE																																																																																																																																													
Total claims	18	- 20 =	X \$ 50 \$																																																																																																																																													
Independent claims	1	- 3 =	X \$ 200 \$																																																																																																																																													
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360 \$																																																																																																																																													
		<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																													
<p>Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>SUBTOTAL =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																									
			<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																												
<p>Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table>						+	\$																																																																																																																																									
			+	\$																																																																																																																																												
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																									
			<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																												
<p>Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">+</th> <th style="text-align: right;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> </table>						+	\$																																																																																																																																									
			+	\$																																																																																																																																												
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 900</b></th> </tr> </thead> </table>						<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																									
			<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>																																																																																																																																												
			<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Amount to be: refunded</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>charged</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </table>	Amount to be: refunded	\$	charged	\$																																																																																																																																									
Amount to be: refunded	\$																																																																																																																																															
charged	\$																																																																																																																																															
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.																																																																																																																																															
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$900 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.																																																																																																																																															
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.																																																																																																																																															
<p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p>																																																																																																																																																
<p>Send all correspondence to the address associated with Customer No. 001095, which is currently:</p>																																																																																																																																																
<p>Novartis Corporate Intellectual Property One Health Plaza, Building 104 East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080</p>		 Paivi Kukkola Agent for Applicant Reg. No. 50,499 (862) 778-7875																																																																																																																																														